



District 5680 News



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Message from

District Governor Dana Brewer

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Rotary Opens Opportunities

As Rotary International President Holger Knaack shared his theme for this Rotary year with all of us District Governors-to-be at the International Assembly in January, he had no way of knowing how prophetic just three words would become. Soon after coming home from San Diego, the whole world, including our Rotary world, was thrown into what seemed like chaos.

More and more rapidly, numerous activities in our lives were being postponed or cancelled, due to the viral whims of Covid. Unfortunately, that included the PETS (Club President-Elect Training Seminar) our dedicated team from Districts 5680 and 5710 (Eastern Kansas), led by our own Kelle Thompson, as Coordinator, had been working on since last August.

Although we held off as long as we could, it became obvious that a face to face event featuring a live appearance by Holger himself (joined by his lovely and gracious wife, Susann) being flown in by Rotarian Walter Berry in his Citation Jet, wasn't possible to pull off safely. Though Holger made himself available, until our Committee made the regretful decision to make that training virtual. Even then, Holger turned into an opportunity, making a "live" webinar appearance at our PETS Virtually, from their home in Germany for an hour, complete



with questions from our PEs being answered by him in real time.

As Holger declared at International Assembly, Rotary isn't just a club for people to join, but rather an invitation to endless opportunities.

Rotary Opens Opportunities — everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere, said Knaack. Rotary opens pathways for members to improve their lives and the lives of those they help through service projects. Rotary opens leadership opportunities and gives members the chance to travel the world to put their service ideas into action and make lifelong connections.

Let us stay focused on the truth that when life brings us the greatest challenges, it also presents us with the greatest opportunities....to serve!

It is an incredible privilege to serve all of you as District Governor! Please allow me to guide us through the coming months in our shared quest for those opportunities and to work with you to turn them to the benefit of those we serve.

Dana Brewer

District Governor, 2020-21
District 5680



August is Membership & New Club Development Month

August is Membership and New Club Development Month, a time to recognize our members and the amazing work they do in their communities. In 2020, Rotarians around the world are finding ways to open opportunities, showing their incredible commitment to making the world a safer and better place. [Read their stories.](#)

Membership Month is also a time to consider how people can engage with Rotary. [Learn about how you can grow membership through service](#), develop leaders, find new opportunities to network, and build a community within Rotary's global family.

Thoughts on Membership from DG DANA

Retention is key, especially in these times which are testing the strength of our social connections, challenging our very relationships because of the limitations on our ability to be "together" in ways to which we have long been ac-

customed. We must continue to reach out to the people who are important to us, including our Rotary friends.

We must especially "keep in touch" with those that have some kind of barrier to taking part in Rotary activities in person. Find a way to overcome that barrier. If it is a technology barrier, see if you can find someone in your Club or Community, who is able to provide training, access to hardware, or some other way to build a new bridge of communication for them. If we don't reach out, we have all known people who have left clubs, churches or other groups because right or wrong, they felt that people didn't miss them, didn't care about them, since no one contacted them.



2022-23 RI President Nominee Announced

6 August 2020



The 2020-21 Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International, having functioned in accordance with the bylaws of Rotary International, has indicated that it unanimously nominated:

JENNIFER JONES of the Rotary Club of WINDSOR-ROSELAND ONTARIO, CANADA

for the office of President of Rotary International for the year 2022-23, a groundbreaking selection that make her the first woman to hold that office in Rotary's 115-year history. [Read more here.](#)

Congratulations, Jennifer! This is GREAT news for all of Rotary!

2020 Derecho Relief Effort

DERECHO: A line of intense, widespread, and fast-moving windstorms and sometimes thunderstorms that moves across a great distance and is characterized by damaging winds.

The 2020 Derecho left many communities in its path with much destruction and for those in the Chicago region, a record number of 15 tornadoes spawned by 2020 Derecho. The Chicago areas most adversely affected included south suburban areas and Rogers Park, which is in Chicago and adjacent to Evanston, home of our Rotary International headquarters and home to many Rotary International Staff.

However, with everything in the news you may have missed the community that had Hurricane 3 Level winds and destruction was Cedar Rapids in Iowa. Their needs are great as they deal with major destruction of their community. Urgent needs include:

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Water for drinking | Chain saw oil |
| 2 cycle oil | Chains for chain saw |
| Diapers | Baby wipes |
| Formula | Peanut butter |
| Any shelf stable food | Tarps |
| Coolers | Flashlights |
| Extension cords | Toiletries |
| Large trash bags | Paper towels |
| Batteries | Feminine products |

PDG and Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Michelle Bell is a Rotary contact for delivery of any supplies or person power to help in cleaning debris. Michelle can be contacted by e-mail at mlbelldg2019@gmail.com or by phone at 319-431-2755.

As always, Rotarians are stepping up to help and are also in need of your help. To make a financial donation, you can go to the Rotary Club of Linn County web site at <http://rotarylc.square.site/>

Africa Region Certified Wild Polio-Free



Rotarians Worldwide were thrilled to learn that the African region was certified wild poliovirus-free on August 25, 2020.

This certification was announced by the World Health Organization and is the result of a decades-long effort across the 47 countries of the African region. It involved millions of health workers traveling by foot, boat, bike and bus, innovative strategies to vaccinate children amid conflict and insecurity, and a huge disease surveillance network to test cases of paralysis and check sewage for the virus.

This milestone is an incredible public health achievement for Rotary members, the African region, and our GPEI partners, and a huge step forward on the road to global polio eradication. But we still have important work to do in order to eradicate wild polio in the last two endemic countries.

The GPEI's challenge now is to eradicate wild poliovirus in the two countries where the disease has never been stopped: Afghanistan and Pakistan. Additionally, routine

immunization in Africa must also be strengthened to keep the wild poliovirus from returning and to protect children against circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus, which is rare but continues to infect people in parts of the African region.

To eradicate polio, multiple high-quality immunization campaigns must continue to be given priority. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, it's necessary to keep children vaccinated against polio while also protecting health workers from COVID-19 and making sure they don't contribute to its transmission.

Global health officials and experts say that sustained fundraising and advocacy are still crucial, not only to protect gains in Africa, but to reach the ultimate goal of a world without polio. Rotary members still have a critical role to play in keeping the African region free of wild poliovirus and eliminating the virus in the two countries where polio remains endemic.

[Read the entire story here.](#)



District 5680 Conference is Coming Soon

Our 2020 District Conference is fast approaching! In preparation for the conference itself October 23-24, we are holding 2 pre-conference meetings shown below. Mark your calendars NOW for these upcoming district events.

Pre-Conference Meeting #1

What: "Equipping Rotarians to Carry Out Our Mission"
When: September 26, 2020 (Saturday)—9:00-11:00 am
Who: District Leadership Team , Committee Chairs and Assistant Governors.

Pre-Conference Meeting #2

What: "Developing the Projects Needed to Help Our Neighbors through Covid"
When: October 10, 2020 (Saturday)— 9:00-11:00 am
Who: Assistant Governors, Club Presidents & President Elects.



**Join DG Dana Brewer
and meet your friends at our
2020 District Conference!**

- WHAT** **Rotary District 5680 Conference
"Now More than Ever!"**
- WHEN** **Fri. evening Oct 23 &
Saturday, Oct 24, 2020**
- WHERE** **Hybrid—Online and Live
13 Watch Parties in each Area
hosted by our Asst. Governors**

Our Speakers will be a mixture of our District Officers, speaking live on site and others from around the World of Rotary, hopefully live from their home areas. Details will be available in September.

Stay tuned . . . "As the World Turns"!

Message from our RI President

Greetings, fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors!

I am so honored to serve as your president this year. We have important work ahead of us at Rotary, and we are going to have a lot of fun as we do it.

Last year, we launched our five-year [Action Plan](#) to build a stronger future for Rotary. We are working to increase our impact, expand our reach, enhance participant engagement, and increase our ability to adapt. The last several months have shown that we — as Rotarians and Rotaractors — can realize these goals as we forge a new path for the future.

Without question, [COVID-19](#) has posed new and previously unimaginable challenges for Rotary. But within every challenge is perhaps an even greater opportunity. And while I could not have known what lay ahead when I selected my theme for the year, Rotary Opens Opportunities has even greater relevance as we begin our new Rotary year.

I am incredibly inspired by how our members have [adapted](#) and [responded](#) to COVID-19. This global pandemic has made it difficult for many of our clubs to operate as usual, but we persevered, and over the past few months, I've enjoyed connecting with my fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors in a new way: by visiting hundreds of clubs from my home. It's been fun to attend so many meetings virtually. If you haven't already, I encourage your club to try an online meeting or add an online component, like hosting a guest speaker from a Rotary or Rotaract



club located in a different part of the world.

As we build a stronger future for our organization, it's good that we are reaching out to new people and introducing them to Rotary. It's important that our clubs [reflect](#) the communities we serve. More diverse voices in our clubs and in our leadership will help Rotary stay in touch with a changing world.

So let's find every opportunity to show we value each and every member. Let's seize this moment to build on what we've learned, to embrace our new reality, to welcome new faces, and to find additional ways to shine. This is how we will have a continuing impact on the world. And if you need assistance along the way, Rotary offers many [resources](#) that can help you reach your goals.

Rotary means different things in different parts of the world, but we are all united by our core values and by The Four-Way Test. Rotary may change, but our values remain constant.

I look forward to hearing about how you're finding new opportunities to engage and make an impact in your club and community. Rotary Opens Opportunities, both for the people we serve and for ourselves.

Thank you.

Holger Knaack
RI President, 2020-21

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Rotary values diversity and celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds. And we're committed to reflecting the communities we serve by being inclusive of all cultures, experiences, and identities. Throughout 2020-2021, Rotary will host a webinar series to explore diversity, equity, and inclusion, with topics that range from understanding our own implicit biases to learning how to hold each other accountable. [Read more](#) about the sessions that will be offered.

Register now for the first webinar, [Design an Inclusive Plan for Your Organization](#) on Thursday, 17 September at 15:00 Chicago time (UTC-5), and submit your questions to our experts. A recording of the session will be available to everyone who registers. In the meantime, you can explore the [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion learning topic](#) (My Rotary login required) to find resources to use in your clubs and to share best [practices](#) with other members.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sept. 8-13, 2020

Zone Institute (Virtual Meeting)
"Rotary's On Fire"
Houston, TX

September 26, 2020

Pre-Conference Meeting (see pg. 3)

October 10, 2020

Pre-Conference Meeting (see pg. 3)

October 23-24, 2020

District Conference
Salina Hilton Garden Inn & Virtual

You Are Invited to Attend Zone Institute!

A great opportunity awaits every Rotarian in our Zone 25. The annual Rotary Zone Institute is typically a live event but this year it's virtual. That means EVERYONE can and should attend—if for nothing else than to see just what a Zone Institute is.

[Click here to register](#) (at no cost). You must register to attend any of the events.

[Click here to view the entire program](#)

Here are just a few of the outstanding speakers district leadership recommends:

Friday, Sept. 11– 7:30 – 8:20 pm “The Future of Rotary”
Shekhar Mehta – RI President 21-22

RI President Shekhar

- 1) Urges membership development is Rotary's highest priority.
- 2) Believes regional plans suited to different world areas, transitioning;
- 3) Rotaractors into Rotary Clubs and increasing diversity and women members could grow membership by 5% per year.

Saturday, Sept. 12 – 10:45am – 11:20am “Wear Rotary”
LaShonda Brown Delivuk – Corporate Film Producer
Transformation Theatre Company

Ms. Delivuk's passion is using Public Image to engage members and increase giving.

Friday, Sept. 11 – Noon – 12:30 pm “Moving from Diversity to Inclusive Opportunities”
Dr. Bowtie Todd C. Jenkins, Jr. CEO and Founder of Bowtie Development

“Bowtie” is dedicated to bringing diverse people together to increase individual and organizational productivity. Certified Leadership Management International Facilitator with many years of experience in leadership training and development built around diversity and inclusion.

Wednesday, Sept. 9 – 7:00 – 7:45 pm “The Power of WASH Education”
Dr. Isis E. Mejas – a Founder of Global WASH

Dr. Mejas' passion is to create worldwide incentives for

water reuse and create awareness of impact of improved WaSH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) on creating happier, healthier lives.

Thursday, Sept. 10 –11:45 – 12:45 pm “Covid 19”

Peter J. Hotez, MD, PhD – a Dean of National School of Tropical Medicine Director, Texas Children's Center for Vaccine Development

As a vaccine scientist and parent of a child with autism, his passion is to campaign against the antivax threat and all the damage it is causing during the Pandemic, to holding down measles and to finishing PolioPlus.

Sunday, Sept. 13 – 8:00 – 8:30am “Polio”

Ann Lee Hussey – Retired Veterinary Technician

Polio survivor who has made the eradication of polio and the alleviation of suffering by polio survivors, her life's work. Actively participated in 30 volunteer National Immunization Days in Africa, the Middle East and the Far East.

Friday, Sept. 11 – 3:15 – 4:15-7:45 pm “Public Image from a Rotaractor's Point of View”

Jeremy Charles – Founder of Rotaract Australia

As District Roraract Representative, grew District's membership by 500% (that's right, increased it 5 times over)! Believes that through effective District and Regional leadership, Rotary and Rotaract Clubs can attract significantly higher number of people in their communities, to work together to make lasting changes in their communities and the World.

Saturday, Sept. 12 – 9:30 – 10:30am “Rotaract's Perspective on Being a Service Organization

David Dominquez - College Student and Rotaract Club Founder

“My affiliation with Rotary began when I was ‘forced’ to go to RYLA. I had the time of my life and little did I know that it would be the catalyst of change that I needed” In college, founded a Rotaract Club. Graduates next Spring and is active in his District's RYLA Program.

McPherson Attends Interact/Rotaract Institute



Ten members of the **McPherson Community Interact Club** along with **RC McPherson** President Tom Pyle and Past President Penny Pyle recently attend the 2-day Interact/Rotaract Institute in Norman, Oklahoma.

President Tom reported “Our Interactors received excellent training, and many different ways they could positively

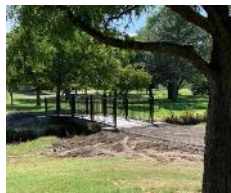
influence their community. They talked all the way home on many different ideas they would like to pursue! Excitement! Excitement! Excitement!” said

They recommend it to all Rotary Clubs thinking about starting Interact and Rotaract Clubs in their Communities.

Club sponsors are two McPherson High School Teachers, Rtns. Erica Shook and Rebecca Pflughoeft

Club News from around the District

Rotary Club Russell: On August 10, along with Russell City Parks Department crews, our club installed a pedestrian bridge in the Fossil Creek Park. The \$17,000 project was funded with a Rotary District Grant (\$5,000) and a grant from the Russell County Area Community Foundation (\$7,100) and club funds (\$5,000). “The bridge will enable people who come to the park the ability to enjoy all aspects of the park easily,” said Rtn. Gloria Homeier. Previously the only way to cross the creek to the other side of the park was by walking along side streets.



Rotary Club Washington: Member Dr. Larry Stoppel was recognized for his many contributions to our club at a recent meeting. Larry keeps our club running. Larry said, “Service Above Self if what defines every Rotarian. To have my activities recognized is very humbling as I feel I am just the organizer/announcer of all your contributions for the newsletter, Zoom meetings, Festival of Trees, Radio Day, etc. Thank you!”



Rotary Club Kinsley: An article appeared in *The Edwards County Sentinel* with this photo as club President Mark Frame delivered 60 meals to the Edwards County Health Department for distribution to residents in need of help during the Covid-19 pandemic. Our county is looking forward to another distribution soon, thanks to the vision of DG Dana Brewer and Rotary District 5680.



Rotary Club Andover: Rtns Mike Thompson, Bruce Brittain, and Ryan DeSantis helped load and deliver food to the Andover Community Food Bank, one of the local agencies that the Rotary Club of Andover supports. This was part of the “Food for Our Neighbors” project of District 5680.



Rotary Club Old Town: The Kansas Children’s Service League responded to our clubs RFP for a volunteer project and we are building a community pantry for them. We began our work in Rtn Greg “The Tool Man” Soelster’s Shop where he has all the tools needed.

Washington Meeting Location & Meeting Dates

Our club now meets on Tuesdays at noon at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. We will continue the hybrid format and Zoom our meeting so those that are uncomfortable meeting in person or cannot attend in person, can still join us.

Happy 10th Anniversary RC Old Town



The Rotary Club Old Town: We celebrated our 10-year Anniversary with many Rotary and Wichita dignitaries Vice Mayor Cindy Claycomb and Council Member Brandon Johnson. We met in the same room that we had our very first meeting in. The City of Wichita declared August 10 as Old Town Rotary Club Day, too!

PDG Marshall Stanton in the News



The Rotary Club of Salina, ShelterBox and Rotary received great publicity for the work of ShelterBox and ShelterBox Ambassador PDG Marshall Stanton. The article was titled “Big Box Helping in a Big Way” and featured Marshall’s many years

of work promoting ShelterBox. According to ShelterBox, Marshall’s work helped the organization in their efforts to provide supplies to more than 145,000 people in 11 countries.

Marshall has also been inducted into the ShelterBox Ambassador Hall of Fame (one of only 37 Ambassadors to do so) for helping \$100,000 over the span of his time as a volunteer. He (one of only 37 Ambassadors to do so). We featured ShelterBox and Marshall Stanton in our February 2020 and November-December and August 2019 newsletters.

Congratulations, Marshall!

How Can \$1.45 a Week Become \$1 Million to End Polio Forever?

What can my small amount of \$1.45 per week (\$75 in a year) do?

Our PolioPlus campaign is within a percent or two of 100% completion worldwide. All of Africa has been certified as free of the wild polio virus! Only Afghanistan and Pakistan remain, with the latter now resuming PolioPlus vaccinations! So why is it so important that we finish it completely and ASAP?

It is so crucial because if we do not eradicate polio completely, it can come back and be more horrific than ever. Hundreds of thousands of additional young people each year could become victims to that emaciating and paralyzing disease. If so, it will make it very difficult for them to walk, play or work to support themselves, much less support a family. Both of my parents had polio and I feel very strongly about preventing others from having to endure the extra burdens that put on them!

So how can we keep moving PolioPlus forward in the middle of a worldwide pandemic caused by another virus? It's very simple, actually. If all of the Rotarians in our District donate an average of \$75 per member this year, **together, with the Power of US, we can make a HUGE IMPACT!**

Let me explain. **Through** the world-changing **generosity of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, your gift and my gift and other Rotarians', are matched 2 for 1.** That's right, **your \$75 gift becomes a \$225 donation** to help the final drive of PolioPlus.

But wait, that's not all! Because of the reserves built up in the **Rotary International World Fund**, your donation, already swollen to **\$225, is matched yet again**, not at the \$75 level, but at the \$225 level, **doubling to \$450.** That's right, **your donation of \$75 dollars results in a final contribution 6 times greater!**

Just for fun, if you want to go over \$450 total, just toss in \$9 more and the total impact generated by your \$84 give is up to \$504. What will \$100 (or less than \$2 per week) do, you ask? Say no more, I'll show you:



\$100 X 6 = \$600.

What does it take to get \$1000?

Fun and simple: \$1000 divided by 6 = about \$168—only twice our \$84 total annual Gift.

For those feeling the urgency of the need and having a passion to meet it,

\$250 becomes \$1,500;

500 becomes \$3,000;

1,000 becomes \$6,000 and so on.

But if we will just pledge to encourage each other to meet our original goal of an **average of \$75 from each and every good Rotarian in our District** (approximately 2400 strong) the IMPACT looks like this:

2,400 Rotarians X \$75 each = \$180,000

(not bad, but surely we can hit \$200,000 or more);

\$180,000 X 3 = \$540,000 (after Gates Super Match)

Then, \$540,000 X 2 = **\$1,080,000** with World Fund Match; or **over \$1.2 Million, if we average \$84 per member;** and **over \$1.4 Million, if we average \$100 per Rotarian.**

Where else on Earth, can your humanitarian giving have a 6 to 1 return? For any of you for which any of this is a stretch, please give what you can and consider teaming up on a Club PolioPlus Project. Consider your share of the time given to planning and carrying it out, as a very significant part of your donation to our Cause.

Sorry, I have to go now. Need to figure some ways to get my contribution up. Maybe if I quit buying lottery tickets. Oh, I guess I don't do that. Surely there's some bad habit I can cut back on. Or several?

More later.....on the Power of US!

Dana Brewer

District Governor

Of the Great KS OK Rotary District 5680

Donate to End Polio NOW!

Rotary's Vision Statement

“Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.”

District 5680 Membership Report As Of July 31, 2020

Club	7/1/2020	7/31/2020	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2020-2021
Abilene	59	59	0
Andover	26	26	0
Arkansas City	59	59	0
Atwood	23	23	0
Beaver	15	15	0
Beloit	40	40	0
Boise City	20	20	0
Cimarron	20	20	0
Clay Center	47	47	0
Colby	54	54	0
Concordia	31	31	0
Derby	70	69	(1)
Dodge City	38	37	(1)
Downs	9	9	0
East Wichita	87	89	2
E-Club	20	20	0
El Dorado	36	36	0
Ellinwood	20	20	0
Ellis	9	9	0
Garden City	45	44	(1)
Goodland	36	36	0
Great Bend	46	46	0
Guymon	26	26	0
Hays	64	62	(2)
Hays Sunrise	15	15	0
Hill City	13	13	0
Howard	13	13	0
Hoxie	20	20	0
Hugoton	15	15	0
Hutchinson	100	100	0
Johnson	15	15	0
Kingman	25	25	0
Kinsley	15	15	0
Larned	16	16	0
Liberal	43	43	0
Lindsborg	8	8	0
Lyons	23	23	0
McPherson	39	39	0
Ness City	21	21	0
Newton	53	52	(1)
Norton	13	13	0
Oberlin	33	33	0
Osborne	14	14	0
Phillipsburg	49	48	(1)
Pratt	53	53	0
Russell	39	39	0
Salina	123	123	0
Sharon Springs	10	10	0
Sterling	20	20	0
Sublette	18	16	(2)
Syracuse	16	17	1
Texhoma	15	13	(2)
Ulysses	28	27	(1)
Washington	35	35	0
Wellington	12	12	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	38	38	0
West Wichita	61	60	(1)
Wichita-Downtown	410	408	(2)
Wichita-Old Town	9	9	0
Winfield	74	74	0
TOTALS	2404	2392	(12)



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Taipei, Taiwan
June 12-16, 2021
www.rotary.org/convention
Register today!

